

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

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- a) What has been the general staffing trend in your department and portfolio agencies since the 2007 election (for example SES numbers and recruitment has increased by X per cent because of Y).
- b) What have been the changes in staffing levels since Budget Estimates 2010? Why have these changes occurred? What have been the Budgetary implications? In the case of reductions in staff numbers, how have these reductions been absorbed by the Department? What functions these staff performed have been sacrificed and why?

Answer:

- (a) Average staffing levels for core continuing business functions in PM&C:

	2006-07	2010-11
ASL	485	531

- (b) There has been a decrease in substantive staffing levels in PM&C between 30 April 2010 and 31 October 2010 in the order of 5%. This has occurred as a result of machinery of government transfers, as well as natural attrition, and has had minimal affect on the Department's operations. These figures do not include staff transferred into PM&C with the Arts and Sports functions.